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SUBJECT:

Monthly Report - January 1956

1. Personnel.

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3. CS Planning Cycle. Considerable time was spent on staff review of the Country Appendices of the various Divisions. In general, it is the feeling of that there is insufficient advance planning for the development of cold and hot war PP assets, when viewed in the light of requirements, and particularly in consideration of the forward projection (3 years) of the planning cycle.

Discussion with the Divisions indicate that they do not believe that present policy requires such planning and preparation. It has been agreed that separate papers would be prepared in order to obtain clarification of policy at a higher level.

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has been designated as responsible officer within PP on 1290-d matters. In the very near future a meeting will be held of all interested PP staff elements for the purpose of preparing a position paper on PP interests in such matters.

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5. War Plans. Unconventional Warfare Annexes to various war plans have been reviewed and commented upon. Advance copies of the present EUCOM Annex indicate that CIA requirements will be expressed in terms of areas, rather than specific targets. We are in agreement with this concept, since it permits greater flexibility in the establishment of UW assets, and lends itself readily to our own concept of CIA's role in support of military plans.

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6. Routine. Cables and despatches to field which have content of interest have been handled during the month in routine fashion.

7. SEATO.

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Bangkok from 16-26 January. Of CIA attended as chief U. S. representative. GINCPAC and JCS supplied military advisor reps, although present reports indicate that JCS reps did not participate to any great extent. Reports of the meeting indicate that the U. S. representatives presented a united front and that no serious problems arose. It is hoped that our substantive contribution at future meetings will improve in both quality and quantity.

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b. The report of the ad hoc committee on the satablishment of the was approved by the full CCCS, with a recommendation for speedy implementation.

The new method of establishing UW requirements in terms of areas, rather than specific targets, will require some internal adjustments within the Branch. These are under study. The monthly report of the Branch is attached.

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